(c) if so, the details of such survey or steps taken in the recognized colleges of Kerala, category-wise, as on date; and

(d) if not, whether a survey will be initiated to verify the present use of infrastructures constructed under the above grant provided to recognized colleges of Kerala, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC provides grants to the eligible Universities/ colleges under various schemes. The schemes have inbuilt mechanism to monitor the proper utilisation of the grants provided. The subsequent instalments of grant are released only after obtaining the Utilisation Certificate of grants earlier released.

Unemployment of graduates due to outdated education

797. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the graduate unemployment is growing as our university education is simply not geared to meet employment objectives;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the 9.28 million students in higher education, only 17 per cent are pursuing professional streams while the rest are in degree programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that curriculum does not match up the requirements of the industry; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to restructure the outdated courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Employment in industry is only one of the objectives of higher education. Students opt for professional courses, depending on their aptitude, eligibility and capacity of institutions offering such programmes. The UGC has encouraged the introduction of career oriented programmes alongwith core programmes at various levels of higher education. A model curriculum developed by the UGC for linking general studies with professional courses has been sent by the Commission to universities for adoption with appropriate modification. However, universities being

autonomous bodies, restructuring of courses is within the competence of the appropriate bodies of each University.

Workers university in the country

798. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to establish an exclusive workers university in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry of Labour and Central Trade Unions are being consulted for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy has been constituted to study the prospects of establishing a Workers' Technical University which could help address the gap between demand and supply of technically qualified personnel.

National Science and Research Foundation

799. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to set up world-class national science and research foundation in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating cities in which these foundations are being set up and the total cost of setting up these foundations;

(c) whether the State Governments have offered land and other necessary facilities for setting up these foundations if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these institutes would start functioning from the academic year 2006-07?